

Un-Approved Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting
Zoom or Board Room - 7:00 pm
April 19, 2023

Trustees Present: Jeremy Price (presiding), Anna Alemani, Melissa Banks, Scott Bennewitz, Andrea Berkley, Dave Briggs, Ben Chan, Randy Herbertson, Celeste LaCroix, Jay Norris, Stefano Pacifico, Krishna Patel, Meena Pellerin, Sheila Ward, Pat Wieser, Peter Zakowich

Trustees Absent: Rob Haroun, Jenna Markowitz, Barrie Rosen, Andrew Wilk

Guests: Dick Lowenstein, Kristin Mott, JP Oleksiuk

Jeremy Price called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

President's Report: J. Price

Jeremy reported that VersoFast hosted between 3,500 and 4,000 attendees. The majority were from Westport, but people came from all over the tri-state area. Huge kudos to Bill and the staff and volunteers for making this a hugely successful event.

He talked about Andrew Wilk's series currently at the Library and encouraged everyone to attend the informative and interesting talks. Next one is May 23.

Jeremy shared that Bill has received an award from the Westport/Weston Chamber of Commerce naming him Citizen of the Year.

Finally, Jeremy announced that the May meeting will not have a Zoom option. Everyone should plan to attend in person.

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Finance Committee: S. Bennewitz

Scott reported that the Finance Committee met last night. The reports and forecast were reviewed. No action was taken.

Treasurer's Report: P. Zakowich

Peter reported that everything is on track and similar to last month's report, including that the café sales are doing great and ahead of budget. Reports will be prepared for next month's meeting and a deeper discussion.

Development Committee: A. Berkley

Andrea reported that the Annual Appeal has currently surpassed the goal having reached \$280,000. Emily is in the process of coding various information to assist with next years appeal.

She followed up sharing that when the committee met that they had focused on how to attract new donors (Giving Circles) and increase the footprint, how to recognize current donors with the idea of perhaps a donor recognition event.

She asked for anyone who might be interested in being on either of the committees being formed for these ideas to please reach out.

She also noted that corporate sponsorships are being discussed.

Finally, she encouraged everyone to sign up to volunteer at the upcoming May Book Sale.

Governance & Nominations Committee: S. Ward

Sheila reported that the committee did an initial review of the Library Use Policy which is meant to support staff regarding day to day operations. Once completed and vetted by the attorney, it will be shared with Board.

There are 17 candidates who are interested in joining the Board. Info Session will be on May 2 and interviews on the 16th and 18th.

Board surveys are being prepared and will be sent out soon.

Executive Director Report: B. Harmer

Bill reviewed his ED report previously distributed.

VersoFest was discussed at length...including its strengths and weaknesses.

He also highlighted upcoming events. He especially encouraged everyone to attend the Ken Gormley event next Tuesday, and Common Ground on May 2.

New Business

None

Other Business

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Andrew Wilk entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 pm. Melissa Banks made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Andrea Berkley. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by,

Barrie Rosen

Secretary